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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 26, 2009
Meeting Time: 130 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Senate Chamber
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Sen. Connie Lawson, Chairperson; Sen. Vi Simpson; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Cindy Noe; Kathleen O'Connell; Stacey Cornett; Margie Payne; Valerie N. Markley; Bryan Lett; Caroline Doebbling; Kurt Carlson; Chris Taelman; Jane Horn; Dr. Danita Johnson-Hughes.

Members Absent: Ronda Ames.

I. Call to Order

Senator Connie Lawson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

II. Discussion of Recommendations

(A) PDOC 20101400 (Attachment 1) requires the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) to develop a plan for the reduction of tobacco use in state institutions and in programs providing services to individuals with mental illness using state funds. The DMHA is required to report to the Commission on Mental Health (COMH) on the

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progress of the plan during the 2010 interim. The draft was amended to include language requiring that the plan developed also include a treatment component. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 13 to 0.

(B) PDOC 20101401 (Attachment 2) requires the DMHA to seek funding sources for the clubhouse programs. Senator Lawson indicated that the clubhouse model is a national model for providing services. Standards are set by the clubhouse program and a clubhouse can receive certification from the organization. Clubhouses were receiving funding under the Medicaid Reimbursement Option (MRO) until the federal government began to disallow payments for services. DMHA has offered to make some changes in the way clubhouses are reimbursed if the services offered are changed, but the international clubhouse movement will not allow clubhouses to make those changes and retain certification. The resolution was amended to add the words "for recovery" to define the services offered. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 14 to 0.

(C) PDOC 20101399 (Attachment 3) affirms the support of the COMH for continuation of the Mental Health Medicaid Quality Advisory Council. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion carried with a vote of 14 to 0.

(D) PDOC 10201398 (Attachment 4) listed topics for the COMH to study during the 2010 interim. The topics listed were youth suicide and continued monitoring of the sharing of medical records for inmates between local agencies and the Department of Correction (DOC). The resolution was amended to add the following two topics for study:

- (1) Monitoring the shift in programs caused by the changes in funding with MRO.
- (2) Continuing to pursue a single drug formulary to be used by Medicaid and the DOC.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 14 to 0.

III. Other Business

Senator Vi Simpson, expressed concerns over the implementation of SEA 102 from the 2009 Session of the General Assembly. The Act was a recommendation from the COMH during the 2008 interim. The Act was designed to provide for parity in the provision of mental health services provided to children through Medicaid and the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Act required that any changes be made to provide for parity by July 1, 2009. Senator Simpson believes that there has been some lag in implementation. FSSA will provide the COMH with information on implementation. That information will be forwarded to members when it is received.

IV. Final Report

Senator Lawson discussed the budget issue facing mental health programs because of the use of federal stimulus dollars to fund programs in the budget passed in 2009. She asked that the final report contain a statement that the COMH supports the efforts of DMHA in finding replacement money when the stimulus money is gone. The members approved the idea by consent.

Senator Lawson indicated that the draft final report (Attachment 5) would be amended to add final action taken at the October 26, 2009, meeting. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the final report. The motion carried with a vote of 14 to 0.

V. Adjournment

Senator Lawson adjourned the meeting at 2:05 P.M.